(d) whether Government have formulated any special scheme to combat the problem of educated unemployment; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Unemployment rate has not gone down as per the surveys carried out by National Sample Survey Organisation during 1993-94 and 1999-2000.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Maximum number of educated jobseekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, on the live register of employment exchanges as on December, 2001were in the State of Kerala (35.39 lakh).

(d) and (e) Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana is being implemented both in the rural and urban areas for the educated unemployed persons.

Contract Labour Laws

2671. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a labour law on the welfare and rationalisation of contract labour;

(b) if so, what are the other salient features of the proposed legislation;

(c) whether Government are thinking of introducing this law during the current Session of Parliament; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) In the wake of economic liberalization, judgements of various courts, the experience gathered in administration of the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 and the proposals received from social partners to bring about changes in the said Act, the Government has undertaken its review. The amendments which may be effected in the Act have not been finalised yet and hence no definite time, by which the Bill may be introduced in Parliament, can be given.